

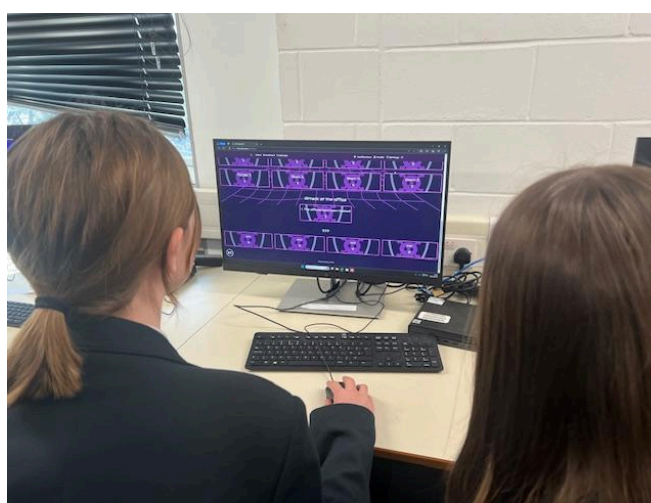
Weekly Letter

Monday 10th March 2025

Dear Families,

I hope you are well,

On Wednesday Year 9 students attended a Cyber security and tech event hosted by UWE. Students interacted in a diverse selection of workshops geared towards careers in the cyber security and tech industries. Company workshops included Adobe - an intro to AI marketing, BT - preventing phishing attacks and HP - Codebreakers. The students were brilliant and engaged perfectly with these external providers showing exemplary citizenship and resilience when facing new and often difficult challenges with the workshops. Well done Yr9.








Lunchtime clubs are proving very popular, During the first round of the chess club tournament last week there were some close matches but the winners of the first round are:

Alexander J Y9, Torres C Y7, Harry S Y10 Jaydn N Y9 Douglas S Y10 Caleb D Y7 Joao P Y7 Cole B Y9. Well done to all!

Congratulations to Mrs Brookes who has been successfully appointed as Head of Year 8 and Mrs Morgan who has successfully been appointed as Deputy Head of Maths.

Sparx Update:

Well done to Stephenson, who topped the Sparx table last week.

Week Set		Maths	Science	Reader	Sparx Average	Position
24/02/2025						
Brunel		90%	89%	85%	88%	5
Carpenter		93%	91%	93%	92%	3
Park		93%	94%	95%	94%	2
Beckford		92%	94%	86%	91%	4
Stephenson		95%	95%	96%	95%	1

School Games and

Student Leaders Update

It's been a busy few weeks for our sports leaders, who have been involved in running a variety of exciting events, including the Kabaddi and Archery Competitions and delivering the Barclays Let's Play Football Festival.

Kabaddi Festival

56 children from 7 local primary schools gathered at the Academy for the Year 4 and 5 Kabaddi Festival. The aim of Kabaddi is for a single player on offense to enter the opposing team's court, tag a defender, and return to their own court without being touched by any of the other defenders. Our student leaders helped make the event a great success.

Archery Event

Next up was the Year 3 and 4 Archery event, where 66 children from 8 local primary schools took part. As always, our Year 8 and 9 leaders excelled in delivering this competition with great skill and enthusiasm.

Barclays Let's Play Football Festival

On Friday, 20 of our student leaders delivered the Barclays Lets Play Football event, which saw 14 primary schools and 120 female players participating. The event was a mix of skill sessions, led by our Young Leaders, and friendly matches that encourage teamwork and sportsmanship.

A reminder that the Cross-Country (XC) club is back on Mondays afterschool.

Lunch Clubs and Voice and Choice

Students continue to enjoy our new lunchtime club offerings. Badminton, Chess Club, and Warhammer remain the most popular, and we're excited to see such high levels of student engagement.

New Choir Club

Miss Grainger-Hull is now running a Choir on Mondays during lunchtime, open to all students who are interested in music and singing.

Guitar Club

In response to growing interest, we've purchased several new guitars to accommodate the increased number of students joining Guitar Club.

Student Voice and Choice

On Monday, we held a Student Voice and Choice session to review our new lunchtime activities. The students provided valuable feedback on the existing provisions and shared some great ideas for future clubs. One suggestion was to introduce an IT club, so as a result, **Mr. Weech** will be running a **Coding Club** starting in Term 5.

Reminder

Students can sign up for lunchtime clubs before school starts each day.

We are thrilled with the positive participation from our students in these initiatives and look forward to continuing to build on these opportunities!

Important Dates:

Monday 3rd March - Friday 14th March	Year 11 Mocks
Thursday 13th March	Y7 Space Academy - Master Class
Monday 17th March - Wednesday 19th March	Y7 Camp - Visit 1
Monday 17 th - Tuesday 18 th March	Art and Photography Exam
Wednesday 19th March - Friday 21st March	Y7 Camp - Visit 2
Wednesday 19th March	Y10 Big Interviews
Thursday 20th March	Y13 Parents' Evening
Friday 21 st March	Yr9 Meningitis Jabs
Thursday 27 th -Friday 28 th March	Art Exam

With very best wishes



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